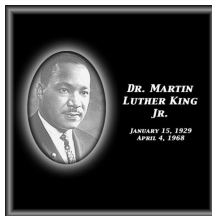


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United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command

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## Alaska GMD Bn. to activate Jan. 22

By Maj. Laura Kenney  
SMDC Public Affairs

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** — The Alaska Army National Guard Missile Defense Space Battalion is scheduled to be activated Jan. 22 at Fort Greely, Alaska.

The activation was previously scheduled for Dec. 6, but had to be postponed due to scheduling conflicts in the list of distinguished invitees, according to the commander of its parent brigade, the 100th Missile Defense Brigade, Ground-based Midcourse Defense.

"We've moved the ceremony back to January in order to accommodate the greatest number of people. We've invited congressional and state senatorial delegates from both Alaska and Colorado, and January works better for the majority," said Commander Col. Gary Baumann.

"The activation of this unit is important to the American people. We want to have as many of the dignitaries as wish to attend able to do so, and there were too many scheduling conflicts in December."

The battalion and brigade are components of the integrated Ballistic Missile Defense System — designed to, in concert with the other Armed Forces, protect the nation from accidental or intentional limited ballistic missile attacks. The battalion, staffed by Alaska National Guard Soldiers, provides operational control over ground-based interceptors located in Alaska.

The 100th Missile Defense Brigade (GMD) was activated here Oct. 16, 2003, by the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command and the Colorado Army National Guard. It is manned by Colorado Army National Guard and active component Soldiers.



Delta Company photo

### *Delta company gets gassed*

Pfc. Sheldon Fogarty, assistant Nuclear, Biological, Chemical NCO, shows how an NBC guru in training intrepidly faces the gas chamber's challenges. D Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion, Soldiers at Camp Roberts, Calif., recently experienced the chamber as part of annual NBC training. See photos on page 12.

### **Arsenal's federal employees invited to tour facility**

## SMDC ribbon cutting ceremony Jan. 20

SMDC Public Affairs Office

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala.** — On Jan. 20, a ribbon cutting ceremony on Redstone Arsenal will officially "open" the Von Braun Complex, Bldg. 5220, the new home of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command. The 220,000 square foot building is Phase I of a proposed three phase project.

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, SMDC's commanding general, will officiate at the ceremony. Local government officials and industry leaders have been

invited to attend. At this time, there is no plan allowing the general public to tour the building; however, Redstone's federal employees are invited to a no-frills tour from 1-2 p.m.

Construction on the \$39 million project, which started with the groundbreaking ceremony July 23, 2001, was completed in November 2003. Some 800-plus federal employees will begin moving from their current location at 106 Wynn Drive — SMDC's home since 1969 — into the new building in mid-February.

"Phase I includes Bldg. 5220,

Bldg 5221 and infrastructure connections from the complex site to the wastewater treatment plant," said Col. Jeffrey Smith, SMDC Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineer. "It also includes the cost of bringing utilities such as power, water and fiber optics run from Redstone Arsenal into the Phase I Central Plant building. Additionally, the project covers the relocation and burial of the steam lines as well as creation of necessary turn lanes and installation of a traffic signal at the entry to Phase I from

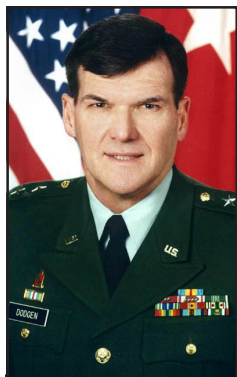
Martin Road."

The Department of the Army has recommended Congress appropriate \$37 million in fiscal year 2006 for 238,000 square feet for the Program Executive Office for Air, Space and Missile Defense. The Department of Defense will be spending \$39 million in fiscal year 2004 and 2005 for 259,000 square feet for the Missile Defense Agency in the Von Braun Complex.

The Army had been paying approximately \$7 million per

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# The Command Corner



**MG Larry J. Dodgen**  
Commanding General



**CSM David Lady**  
Command Sgt. Maj.

**A**s we begin 2004, I want to thank you and your families for your great work and selfless dedication. The accomplishments of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command this past year in supporting the Global War on Terrorism, transition for service as the Army Service Component to U.S. Strategic Command, movement ahead in achieving an Initial Operating Ground-Based Midcourse Defense capability, and so many other areas were instrument to enhancing our Nation's security.

A new year provides a wonderful opportunity to take on new challenges and make continued progress on older ones. For SMDC, the month of January serves as the culmination for two key events: the ribbon cutting on Jan. 20 for the move of SMDC-Huntsville into the new Von Braun Complex on Redstone Arsenal and the activation on Jan. 22 of the 49th Missile Defense Battalion (Ground-based Midcourse Defense) in Alaska. Both of these activities should serve as sources of pride since they were achieved by the extraordinary efforts of the entire SMDC team.

The month of January also commemorates the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Signed into law in November 1983 by President Reagan, the third Monday in January of each year is now a Federal holiday in honor of the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. This national holiday recognizes Dr. King's character, life and struggles against hostility, prejudice, ignorance, and fear. Dr. King truly challenged us to make real the promise of America as a land of freedom, equality, opportunity, and brotherhood. On Jan. 19, I would encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in an appropriate local activity honoring Dr. King's principles and values, and the ideals on which America was founded.

Finally, I would like to extend on behalf of my family and myself our sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve with such men and women, soldiers, civilians and contractors who comprise the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command. I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you in the near future as I visit the many locations of this command.

**SECURE THE HIGH GROUND!**

**H**appy New Year, SMDC! Maj. Gen. Dodgen and I look forward to seeing you this year, as we travel throughout the command in order to learn of your situations, praise your successes and try to fix your problems.

Our three critical mission areas will tax our imaginations and abilities this year. We will continue to support the Global War on Terrorism as we scan sky and space for air and missile events, as we plan and assist with satellite communications traffic, and as we deploy our Army Space Support Team for a yearlong deployment in Iraq with Combined Joint Task Force-8. We will present the nation with its first operational national missile defense system since the 1970's, as we field the ground-based, mid-course, missile defense (GMD) system by October 2004. We will continue to develop our relationship with the U.S. Strategic Command, through staff planning and numerous exercises. None of this will be easy, but all of this will be done.

Underlying all of these missions will be our mission to develop fit and deployable soldiers, trained and equipped to move out, anywhere, and to support the warfighting headquarters upon arrival. We must emphasize professional development and training programs which will guide every Soldier to meet the key tenants of the Soldier's Creed: Disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in our Warrior tasks and drills.

As we resolve to meet the problems of our own time, we should take hope from our Army's history. Worse situations than those in Afghanistan and Iraq have been overcome by this Army. Our enemies in these countries, and elsewhere in this world, will continue to run and hide; they will die if they stand and fight.

Finally, as we celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., let us remember his courage, his pride and his love for all people. He and his fellow heroes faced up to enormous and deadly opposition, and finally convinced the federal government to take seriously the promises of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. His life shows what an inspired person can inspire a people to accomplish.

**ON POINT!**

## What We Think

### The Eagle asks:

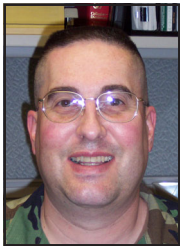
**What are you looking forward to in 2004?**



Robbie Phifer  
Contract Specialist  
CAMO  
Huntsville, Ala.

I want to spend more "fun" time with my two children, participate in more community and church activities, and continue to search for my ancestors.

To be closer to my religion; a trip to England and Ireland with my wife Rosa; and more missile defense work!!!



Maj. Larry Roberts  
G-3 PLEX  
Arlington, Va.

I'm looking forward to completing my bachelor's degree and beginning my master's program. More importantly, I'm praying for the safe return of my son's father from Iraq; he's been deployed since March 2003. I am REALLY looking forward to the return of my son's two front teeth.



Wonda Grayson  
Office of the  
Chief Scientist  
Arlington, Va.



A safe year for all those deployed around the world fighting terrorism

John Daly  
Congressional Affairs  
Arlington, Va.



Linda K. Williams  
ELMCO  
Joint Center for Test  
and Evaluation  
Huntsville, Ala.

The end of terrorism would be one of the nicest gifts we could receive in 2004. It would bring unity and peace in the Middle East and allow our soldiers to return home.



Anne Greene  
Host Nation Public  
Affairs/Protocol  
USAKA

I am looking forward to winning the lottery and PCS'ing.

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# Election time is fast approaching



## Primary Elections, General Elections ... Both Are Important!

The 2004 elections officially began with the District of Columbia Presidential Preference Primary on Tuesday, Jan. 13; followed by the New Hampshire Presidential Primary on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Primary elections play an important role in the electoral process. Why? Because the names that appear on the general election ballot on Nov. 2 are the candidates that were chosen during the primary election process. The following is important information that pertains to the electoral process. A primary election is an election that selects a candidate(s) that will represent the party in a general election. The winning candidate is the one who amasses the largest percentage of the votes during the primary election. This should not be confused with a majority. A majority is a number greater than half of the total votes cast in an election. The winner of a primary election does not necessarily receive a majority of the votes. What this means is that the higher the voter turnout the greater the possibility that the winner is indeed a true representative of the population at large. Voters who participate in these primaries can have a great impact on their outcome. Voters in state primaries select their party's candidates for state and federal offices such as governor, U.S. senator, and members of the U.S. House of Representatives. While the presidential primary selects or indicates preference for delegates, which may or may not be bound to vote for a particular presidential candidate at the national convention, a state primary determines the actual candidates who will appear on the ballot the day of the general election. Voter participation is crucial in any election and primaries are no different. Because dates for both presidential and state primaries are spread throughout the year, be sure to consult the 2004 Election Calendar for election dates in your state. The calendar is also available at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

## Internet Voting is Coming!

Register and vote using SERVE! Are you an active duty Uniformed Services member or a citizen who will be overseas for the 2004 elections? Then get ready for SERVE! The Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment will let you register and vote from any Windows-based computer with Internet access, anywhere in the world. Are you

# Election Dates

## "Register and Vote"

This chart lists the 2004 Presidential and State primary election dates in all the States, the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories; primary runoff dates (if applicable); states with U.S. Senate races; number of U.S. Representative seats up for re-election; and Gubernatorial races.

**The General Election is Tuesday, November 2.**

State	Presidential Primary (or Preference)	State Primary	State Runoff Primary (if necessary)	GENERAL ELECTION		
				FEDERAL OFFICES		State
				US Senate	US Representatives	Governor
Alabama	June 1	June 1	June 29	Yes	7	No
Alaska	—	August 24	—	Yes	1	No
American Samoa	—	November 9	November 23	—	1 Delegate	Yes
Arizona	February 3	September 7	—	Yes	8	No
Arkansas	May 18	May 18	June 8	Yes	4	No
California	March 2	March 2	—	Yes	53	No
Colorado	—	August 10	—	Yes	7	No
Connecticut	March 2	August 10	—	Yes	5	No
Delaware	February 3	September 11	—	No	1	Yes
District of Columbia	January 13	September 14	—	—	1 Delegate	No
Florida	March 9	August 31	—	Yes	25	No
Georgia	March 2	July 20	August 10	Yes	13	No
Guam	—	September 4	—	—	1 Delegate	No
Hawaii	—	September 18	—	Yes	2	No
Idaho	May 25	May 25	—	Yes	2	No
Illinois	March 16	March 16	—	Yes	19	No
Indiana	May 4	May 4	—	Yes	9	Yes
Iowa	—	June 8	—	Yes	5	No
Kansas	—	August 3	—	Yes	4	No
Kentucky	May 18	May 18	—	Yes	6	No
Louisiana	March 9	September 18	—	Yes	7	No
Maine	—	June 8	—	No	2	No
Maryland	March 2	March 2	—	Yes	8	No
Massachusetts	March 2	September 14	—	No	10	No
Michigan	—	August 3	—	No	15	No
Minnesota	—	September 14	—	No	8	No
Mississippi	March 9	March 9	March 30	No	4	No
Missouri	February 3	August 3	—	Yes	9	Yes
Montana	June 8	June 8	—	No	1	Yes
Nebraska	May 11	May 11	—	No	3	No
Nevada	September 7	September 7	—	Yes	3	No
New Hampshire	January 27	September 14	—	Yes	2	Yes
New Jersey	June 8	June 8	—	No	13	No
New Mexico	June 1	June 1	—	No	3	No
New York	March 2	September 14	—	Yes	29	No
North Carolina	May 4	May 4	June 1	Yes	13	Yes
North Dakota	—	June 8	—	Yes	1	Yes
Ohio	March 2	March 2	—	Yes	18	No
Oklahoma	February 3	July 27	August 24	Yes	5	No
Oregon	May 18	May 18	—	Yes	5	No
Pennsylvania	April 27	April 27	—	Yes	19	No
Puerto Rico	TBD	—	—	—	1 Res Commissioner	Yes
Rhode Island	March 2	September 14	—	No	2	No
South Carolina	February 3	June 8	June 22	Yes	6	No
South Dakota	June 1	June 1	June 15 (Secondary Election)	Yes	1	No
Tennessee	February 10	August 5	—	No	9	No
Texas	March 9	March 9	April 13	No	32	No
Utah	—	June 22	—	Yes	3	Yes
Vermont	March 2	September 14	—	Yes	1	Yes
Virginia	February 10	June 8	—	No	11	No
Virgin Islands	—	September 11	September 25	—	1 Delegate	No
Washington	March 2	September 14	—	Yes	9	Yes
West Virginia	May 11	May 11	—	No	3	Yes
Wisconsin	February 17	September 14	—	Yes	8	No
Wyoming	—	August 17	—	No	1	No

This election information is current as of September 2003. Contact your Voting Assistance Officer or check the FVAP Website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for updates.

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## Completing the Federal Post Card Application

Citizens voting under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) are eligible to participate in all elections for federal offices. Many of these citizens are also eligible to vote in state and local elections. Because election laws vary from state to state, please consult the recently distributed, 2004-2005 Voting Assistance Guide or your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO). The guide contains state-by-state procedures for UOCAVA citizens to register and/or request an absentee ballot using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or

(SF-76). All shaded areas for your state or territory as indicated in the guide must be completed. The guide is available in hard copy format or on-line at the FVAP Web site, [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). The FPCA is the first step in the absentee voting process. It is important to realize that state laws determine the information required on the FPCA as well as the deadline for submitting the form. As a result, accurate completion and timely submission of the FPCA are critical. Follow the instructions carefully when completing the FPCA. After completing the form, send it to your jurisdiction of voting residence. The guide contains addresses for sending the completed form to your Local Election Official (LEO). Alternative means of transmitting election materials (faxing) are also outlined in the guide. Although federal law states that the FPCA is valid for two regular federal elections, FVAP recommends that you submit a new FPCA in January of every year and whenever you move to ensure that your absentee ballots will be sent to you in a timely manner.

## Change of Command a first for National Guard space battalion

By Sgt. Nicole Bogenschutz,  
Unit reporter

**PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.** — The 193rd Space Support Battalion recently said farewell to its first battalion commander, Lt. Col. Michael Yowell, and welcomed a new commander, Maj. Scot Cuthbertson. The change of command ceremony was the latest of many firsts for this young battalion.

The 193rd Space Support Battalion “stood up” Sept. 28, 2001. It was the first space unit in the Army National Guard. Its activation had already been planned, but was expedited due to the events of Sept. 11. Mobilization and training of Soldiers to meet the urgent need for 24/7 space operations in light of the tragedy was also greatly accelerated.

Since the unit’s inception, there have been four mobilizations. Soldiers from these mobilizations have supported the Blue Force Tracking Mission Management Center, Information Operations Augmentation Cell, Army Space Support Teams and the

Test and Evaluation mission. Army Space Support Teams and Test and Evaluation units have deployed in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. They have also participated in major exercises around the globe. The battalion currently has an Army Space Support Team deployed to Baghdad.

1st Lt. Keith Woodburn, as master of ceremonies at the change of command, said about the unit’s activation, “This signified an important commitment by the Army National Guard to fully embrace space operations as an Army core competency.”

Yowell as battalion commander and Cuthbertson, then the executive officer, took on the challenge of creating a new unit in a time of great national stress — building a cohesive team that played an integral role in recent and current combat operations.

“We literally started with nothing except the determination to build an organization that would make a difference for the warfighter,” Yowell stated. “You, the Citizen-Soldiers, are the reason we have done so well in such a short time.”

Yowell closed his remarks by placing his full confidence in his replacement.

“Leaving any position, you always want to make sure the new guy will do well and fit in. I’ve never felt better about turning over anything I’ve ever done in my life, to Scot

Cuthbertson... I can’t think of anyone better to continue forward building of the 193rd.”

Cuthbertson took the podium as the new battalion commander.

“I have had the great fortune of being a part of this very unique unit for over two years now. You have just heard the 1st Space Brigade commander, Col. (David) Shaffer and Lt. Col. Yowell enumerate the many accomplishments of these fine Soldiers. I feel an enormous pride in having been a part of this fine organization and having been a part of these very important accomplishments ... I want to thank Lt. Col. Yowell, first commander of this organization, for his patience he had with his sometimes bull-headed executive officer.

“Finally, to the Soldiers of the 193rd Space Battalion, I thank you for your sacrifices in support of your nation and support of your leadership team. Our future as a unit is a very positive and bright one. You are the vanguard of Citizen-Soldiers serving in the



Photo by Roberta McDonald

1st Space Brigade Commander Col. David Shaffer, right, hands the unit’s colors to incoming Commander Maj. Scot Cuthbertson at the recent change of command ceremony.



Maj. Scot Cuthbertson



Lt. Col. Michael Yowell

space career field. The talents that you bring to the battlefield of the present and future are unparalleled anywhere. Your vision and drive will continue to be critical as we grow this organization in size, scope and mission area in the future. We are in for a great ride together. Today is truly a great day to be a Soldier, and I stand before you today proud and humbled by the task that I have just undertaken,” said Cuthbertson.

## Rumsfeld outlines Defense Department 2004 priorities, goals

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The global war on terrorism will remain the Defense Department’s top priority in the new year, as DoD continues to focus on improving and modernizing its programs, systems and forces to make them more responsive to 21st century requirements.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told reporters Jan. 6 during his first Pentagon briefing in 2004 that the department already has made “remarkable progress” and will continue its work to “strengthen, improve and transform our forces, modernize and restructure programs and commands ... and streamline DoD processes and procedures.”

Rumsfeld laid out an ambitious list of initiatives, many already under way, that he said will help free the department of its Cold War-era trappings that no longer support current demands.

Among these initiatives is the effort to rebalance the active and reserve components throughout the services. Rumsfeld told reporters the global war on terror, with its heavy use of National Guard and Reserve troops,

underscores the importance of the effort.

“Our experience thus far in the global war on terror, particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan, has shown that we have somewhat of a Cold War mix of active and reserve forces remaining,” Rumsfeld said. “And we really do need to adjust it to reflect the circumstances of the day.”

Rumsfeld said proposals being drafted by the services “will set a new balance between active and reserve that will fit the 21st century.” Also high on the agenda for 2004, Rumsfeld said, is implementation of the new National Security Personnel System that took effect with passage of the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act. The new law gives DoD the authority to create a new framework of rules, regulations and processes that govern the way civilians are hired, paid, promoted and disciplined within the department. The new system will replace outdated and rigid civil service rules that many said hindered DoD’s ability to carry out its national security mission. “Executed properly,” Rumsfeld said, “the new system ... can play a key role in relieving stress on the force.”

On a broader scope, Rumsfeld said the military will continue its efforts to adjust global posture during 2004.

This initiative involves re-examining the United States’ military “footprint” in

the world — much of it the result of historic, Cold War threats that no longer exist — and to revise them to meet current demands.

In addition to those at its bases around the world, Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters the U.S. military has thousands of troops on deployments around the world. This includes roughly 125,000 in Iraq; 13,000 in Afghanistan; more than 2,000 at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and more than 1,000 participating in Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

Meanwhile, Myers said, nearly 3,500 service members are in the Balkans, and about 1,500 are performing counterdrug operations and other training in Central and South America.

Rumsfeld continued to rattle off a virtual laundry list of efforts and initiatives the department will pursue in 2004.

“Going forward, he said, “we will continue to aggressively pursue the global war on terrorism, strengthening joint warfighting capabilities, transforming the joint force, strengthening our intelligence capabilities (and) strengthening our ability to counter the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.”

# Civilian News

## OPM considering options for tax break through Health Savings Accounts

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is reviewing possible ways to offer Health Savings Accounts (HSA) in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) to federal employees, annuitants, survivors and their families. HSAs are available to anyone under age 65 with a qualifying health plan, considered to be one in which coverage starts after the subscriber pays \$1,000 for an individual or at least \$2,000 for family coverage. Withdrawals are tax-free when used to meet medical expenses. About 3.1 million participants in FEHBP could be eligible for HSAs, according to OPM. The agency's announcement came in conjunction with the Treasury Department's publication of IRS guidelines to make the tax break available to U.S. citizens starting Jan. 1. HSAs were created by a provision in the legislation recently signed by President Bush that provides a prescription drug benefit to the Medicare program. HSAs are similar to medical savings accounts, but the medical accounts are available only to employees of small businesses and to the self-employed. HSAs, by contrast, may be set up by individuals or by their employers. They can be used to cover the health insurance deductible and any co-payments for medical services, prescriptions or products. In addition, HSAs can be used to purchase over-the-counter drugs and long-term care insurance, and to pay health insurance premiums during periods of unemployment. Every year HAS money that's not spent would remain in the account and gain tax-free interest, similar to an IRA.

## More competitive sourcing efforts expected during coming year

The federal government will continue to make A-76 competitions work in the coming months, some agency officials believe. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is asking agencies to prepare long-range plans for conducting public-private competitions of federal jobs, Office of Federal Procurement Policy official Mathew Blum told government and industry representatives at a meeting of the Bethesda, Md., chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association. Within a few days, he said OMB will deliver guidance to agency leaders on the President's Management Council spelling out what competitive sourcing plans should include. It also will expand its data, such as on the cost of conducting competitions and potential savings realized, Blum said. Government and industry have criticized the revised A-76 process both before and after the changes were unveiled last May. OMB officials backed away from requiring agencies to compete a specific numbers of jobs with the private sector. The Commerce Department has hired Jefferson Consulting Group of Washington to study best practices within other agencies and help the agency develop a long-term strategy, including competition process, organizational structure and knowledge transfer, said Mike Sade, director of acquisition management at Commerce. He is creating a competitive sourcing office at the department. Sade told the meeting he thinks public-private competitions will move forward, despite the difficulties in conducting them. Those difficulties include overcoming employees' fears that their jobs will be outsourced if they are identified as eligible for competition. Federal employees and their unions fought in 2003 to make it harder for agencies to open work to competition.

## Tax statements available on myPay

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) has released the schedule of dates when U.S. military service members, military retirees and annuitants and defense civilian employees can access their tax statements through myPay <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. myPay provides an easy, secure method for managing pay account information for America's military service members, military retirees and annuitants and defense civilians. To learn more, see [http://www.dfas.mil/news/releases/archive/03\\_53.htm](http://www.dfas.mil/news/releases/archive/03_53.htm). For more information regarding taxes, visit Military.com's Tax Center at <http://www.military.com/Finance/Taxes/1,13397,82,00.html>.

# Military News

## Army to expand Stop-Loss Program

Army officials are expected to expand the stop-loss/stop-movement program soon to include more soldiers deployed in support of the war on terror. An Army announcement expected within the next week or two will broaden the number of soldiers whose separations, retirements and reassignments are temporarily placed "on hold." The expansion of the stop-loss/stop-movement program comes just as the Army prepares for a major rotation of troops in Iraq within the next few months. The current stop-loss restrictions took effect Nov. 13 and cover active-duty soldiers while they are deployed outside the continental United States in support of OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

## DeCA: No beef involved in recall

Officials at the Defense Commissary Agency are closely monitoring the ever-changing situation involving a case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), also known as "mad cow" disease, identified in Washington state. Since the first U.S. case of BSE was identified Dec. 23, commissary customers have raised questions about the safety of beef purchased at their local commissary. Questions range from "should I return the ground beef I bought last week?" to "has my commissary received meat from the infected cow?" The answer to both questions is "no" says Col. Mark Wolken, chief of public health, safety and security for the Defense Commissary Agency. For the latest developments on the current situation as well as for links to the USDA and other information on recalls and food safety, commissary customers can check the food safety link at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

## Disabled veterans get health care priority from VA

All veterans with service-connected medical problems will receive priority access to health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) under a new directive. The directive provides that all veterans requiring care for a service-connected disability — regardless of the extent of their injury — must be scheduled for a primary care evaluation within 30 days of their request for care. If a VA facility is unable to schedule an appointment within 30 days, it must arrange for care at another VA facility, at a contract facility or through a sharing agreement. The directive covers hospitalization and outpatient care. It does not apply to care for medical problems not related to a service-connected disability. However, veterans needing emergency care will be treated immediately.

## Operation Hero expands miles

Maryland Rep. C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger and David Coker, executive director and vice president of operations at the Fisher House Foundation, are offering free airline tickets as part of a new expansion of Operation Hero Miles, a program Ruppersberger created. The program will provide airline tickets to service members on emergency or rest and recuperation leave. The Fisher House Foundation — a nonprofit organization that provides temporary living quarters to military families visiting loved ones at military hospitals — will now provide family members traveling to visit loved ones injured during OPERATIONS IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM and recovering at military hospitals throughout the country free airline tickets. For more information see [http://www.military.com/NewsContent/0,13319,usaf2\\_123103,00.html](http://www.military.com/NewsContent/0,13319,usaf2_123103,00.html). To learn how you can support the troops, see [http://www.military.com/Content/MoreContent1/0,,support\\_troops,00.html](http://www.military.com/Content/MoreContent1/0,,support_troops,00.html)

## Retiree pharmacy co-pay increase shelved

A budget proposal that would raise retiree cost shares considerably for the TRICARE pharmacy benefit, and would implement retiree co-pays for drugs obtained in military hospitals and clinics is being shelved. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) was pushing for the plan, but faced strong opposition from the Defense Department and other military groups. The Pentagon will now be studying the co-pay issue, and will make any recommendations on the budget proposal next year for the FY2006 budget.

## DoD asks commanders for data as 2005 BRAC begins

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (American Forces Press Service)** — Base commanders in the United States and its territories and possessions have been asked to gather data on their installations in preparation for the 2005 round of base realignments and closures, Defense Department officials said here Jan. 6.

The fiscal 2002 National Defense Authorization Act authorized DoD to pursue one BRAC round in 2005. The department will use BRAC to eliminate unnecessary infrastructure and to increase military capability and effectiveness, officials said.

Formal data calls, said officials, ensure the department collects and uses the most current data on installations throughout the BRAC analysis. This data call is one of many steps in the BRAC process, officials explained. Others will be added as needed.

Since each installation will take part in these data calls, officials emphasized that does not mean DoD is considering that installation for closure or realignment. Questions and data associated with the questions will be available to the public once the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission receives them.

The department published draft selection criteria in the Dec. 23 Federal Register for public comment. Comments are due by Jan. 28. The list of BRAC recommendations will be submitted to the independent BRAC commission by May 16, 2005.

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-501), as amended by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002, requires that closure

and realignment recommendations be based on published criteria that make military value the primary consideration.

Criteria for consideration include:

- Current and future mission capabilities and the impact on operational readiness of DoD's total force, including the impact on joint warfighting, training and readiness.

- The availability and condition of land, facilities and associated airspace (including training areas suitable for maneuver by ground, naval or air forces throughout a diversity of climate and terrain areas and staging areas for the use of the armed forces in homeland defense missions) at both existing and potential receiving locations.

- The ability to accommodate contingency, mobilization, and future total force requirements at both existing and potential receiving locations to support operations and training.

- The cost of operations and the manpower implications.

- The extent and timing of potential costs and savings, including the number of years, beginning with the date of completion of the closure or realignment, for the savings to exceed the costs.

- The economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of military installations.

- The ability of both the existing and potential receiving communities' infrastructure to support forces, missions and personnel.

- The environmental impact, including the impact of costs related to potential environmental restoration, waste management and environmental compliance activities.

# On Target

## Laser technology helps D Company Soldiers qualify

By Pfc. Curtis Pouliot  
Unit reporter

**CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.** — Twenty-nine Delta Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion, Soldiers headed out recently through the post's wilderness to qualify with their weapons.

The journey started with a mandatory class on basic rifle marksmanship. Sgt. Michael Feddema led the troops to the Training and Support Center (TaSC) to refresh their general knowledge about their weapons and to brush up on the proper safety and firing techniques that would make them successful at the range.

The TaSC uses a near-to-life simulator to train troops to qualify with their weapons by using laser technology. Feddema trained the entire company in

weapons safety and qualification, bringing a sense of confidence to those uneasy with their abilities.

"When I conduct basic rifle marksmanship training, it's not just me teaching. I have found that every Soldier has good techniques that work. I allow everyone to talk and share ideas, as well as explain those that work for me. It tends to reap the best results," said Feddema.

With refresher training complete, it was off to the range. Traversing the sometimes drastic landscape, but blessed with placid weather, every Soldier engaged



Photo by Pfc. Curtis Pouliot

Sgt. Todd Ricard watches closely while Staff Sgt. Carlos Harrison, supply sergeant, makes minor repairs to a weapon during a Delta Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion range qualification.

their targets and performed in an extremely proficient manner. All firers not only met the standards, but did so on a first time "go" basis, with the average Soldier qualifying as sharpshooter. The whole procedure was carefully planned and coordinated.

"Despite the difficulty of coordination here, due to Camp Roberts being a National Guard versus an active post, we have our ranges down to a science," said Staff Sgt Victor Stock, support platoon sergeant.



Photo by Pfc. Curtis Pouliot

Spc. Glenn Jones, left, and Spc. George Maille make windage and elevation adjustments to their weapons.



U.S. Air Force photo

Restaurant workers in an Okinawa version of Chili's prepare classic American food for the enjoyment of Soldiers stationed there, including members of E Company, 1st SATCON Battalion.

Soldiers get break from sushi

# Chili's restaurant comes to Okinawa

By 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Eric Setzekorn  
Unit reporter

**OKINAWA, Japan** — For every Soldier who's been overseas for long periods of time, real American food is one of the most difficult things to live without.

Chili's opened late last year on Kadena Air Base, offering a chance for service men and service women from all branches to relax and enjoy a restaurant that is exactly the same as any in the United States.

With more than 40,000 U.S. personnel and family members on the island, commanders have been trying to bring in more choices. Most Americans like to try local foods, but nothing is as satisfying to the average G.I. as real American favorites. Subway will be opening an outlet at Marine Corps Camp Foster — which already has a Pizza Hut Express and a Dunkin Donuts outlet. However, none of these restaurants offer a place to sit down, relax and enjoy a hamburger and a beer.

"Chili's and Subway will go a long way to providing a taste of home," said Sgt. Gary Shreiner, a team leader with E Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion.

The Chili's menu serves the exact same menu as those restaurants in the United States — with food brought in from the west coast of the United States. With this new restaurant, the biggest problem has been getting a seat in less than an hour. Overall, the new Chili's has been a great morale booster.

## Putting the right foot forward, Japanese style

By 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Eric Setzekorn  
Unit reporter

**OKINAWA, Japan** — Americans have been present in Japan on a regular basis since 1945. Many Japanese are well accustomed to Americans being around, with their sometimes strange habits. However, most Americans seldom live overseas and rarely in a culture like Japan's. There's always an opportunity for difficulty in relating and communicating.

The solution? Headstart. Every new Soldier assigned to Echo Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Satellite Control Battalion, is required to go through a mandatory period of training in the first 90 days of being in Japan.

To ensure there are fewer instances of cultural misunderstanding, every Soldier receives a week of training on the language, culture, traditions and habits of Japan, Okinawa in particular.

The class is taught by Kenichi Nomura who's lived on the island his entire life, working with Americans for 40 years.

Three days of the course are devoted to intensive language instruction — giving Soldiers a grasp of basic phrases to assist in keeping them out of difficult situations and enabling them to express fundamental concepts.

Another standout is a day spent touring Shuri Castle, a reconstruction of the original, which was destroyed in the battle for Okinawa in 1945. The field trip also includes a stop at Kokusai Street — a main shopping area on the island where Soldiers can bargain with local merchants.

Other demonstrations of Japanese culture are given in the classroom.

Musical aspects of Okinawa's culture are exhibited by a demonstration of the *shamisen*, which is part violin and part banjo. The drum is also a part of Okinawan festivals and celebrations.

Origami, the art of folding papers into decorative shapes, is introduced during the class. The art is used in Japanese schools to develop cognitive thinking abilities and is often picked up by Soldiers as a popular hobby.

Japanese Headstart is an easy and fun way for Soldiers to learn about their Japanese allies and to ensure that their actions reflect true intentions and attitude.

"It's a terrific way for new Soldiers to be introduced to the Japanese culture, and it acts as a springboard to a more fulfilling tour," said recent attendee, Staff Sgt. Jerod Hall, E Co. Operations NCO.

## 1st Satellite Control Battalion, fifth graders become pen pals

By 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jeff Maranich  
Unit reporter

**CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.** — The average American fifth grader's exposure to Soldiers is most likely limited to images he or she might see on the television screen while channel surfing.

The lack of familiarity, coupled with current overseas conflicts, can cause Soldiers to sometimes be misunderstood by younger Americans. Soldiers of Delta Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion, are helping a fifth grade class learn about Soldiers and their mission on a personal basis.

With the help of Staff Sgt. Brian Marines, a squad leader in D Co., and his sister, Heather Marines, a teacher at Baltimore Heights Elementary School in Baltimore, Md., a relationship has been formed between the Army unit and the school.

On his way back from attending the Basic Non-commissioned Officers Course, Marines stopped to visit his sister. The two took the opportunity to introduce her students to a real-life Soldier, and the uniformed Marines spoke to the children.

The students then wrote nine letters for

him to take back to his unit and give to anyone who was interested in having a pen pal. The questions asked in the letters ranged from "Have you ever been in a war?" to "What kind of food do you eat?"

Sgt. Donald Amos, Spc. Mike Griffin, Spc. Jarrod Mantz, Spc. Damian Petrali, Spc. Jamie Sanders, Sgt. Susanna Mopper, Staff Sgt. Khemmony Kong, and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jeff Maranich chose to be pen pals, writing letters of their own in response to the children's.

"I can't wait to get another letter," says Mopper.

Sanders feels the same way. "I think I enjoy the letters more than the kids do," he said. "It's a great opportunity for the children to learn more about the Army and about Soldiers and a great



Photo by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jeff Maranich

Sgt. Donald Amos and Spc. Jarrod Mantz, D Company, 1st SATCON Battalion, read a letter from a fifth grade pen pal, as part of a program to familiarize children with 'real' Soldiers.

experience for the Soldiers participating," said the military Marines. "It's also a start toward developing an understanding that we — the Soldiers — were once fifth graders, too. I know this means a lot to those kids, and it's mutual."

# Earthquake! The day the world rocked Delta Company

By Staff Sgt. Victor Stock  
Unit reporter

**CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.** — A Delta Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion motto “We ROC the World!” took on an almost vicious irony when a 6.5 magnitude earthquake struck in the immediate area Dec. 22.

The earthquake, which struck at 11:17 a.m. with an epicenter twenty miles east of Paso Robles, the town closest to this National Guard base, took two civilian lives and caused considerable structural damage off base.

No one in Delta Co. was hurt during the earthquake, but tragically two people died in

some damage. Following the quake, 75,000 homes and businesses in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties lost power and phone lines were flooded with calls, making it almost impossible to call anyone. Recently elected Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency, allowing state emergency funds to be used to help victims of the earthquake.

The aforementioned motto — a play on words with the acronym ROC standing for Roberts Operations Center — has taken on new meaning in the aftermath of the quake. Used previously to signify the company’s strength, Soldiers

Monday. The operations squad on duty was 2nd Squad with Staff Sgt. Khemmony Kong in charge.

Everyone was going about his business on an ordinary day, when it suddenly became extraordinary.

“First there was a stomping sound, and then everything started shaking, sliding and rocking. Everyone was holding on to anything that could fall over — monitors, computers, etc.,” said Spc. Justin Coleman.

The quake lasted for about 40 seconds, but it seemed much longer to those who experienced it.

Spc. Ramon Benitez, who was in nearby Paso Robles that day, described it as “one of the scariest experiences of my life.”

Understanding of the situation was not instantaneous; as most of the Soldiers on shift had never experienced an earthquake, but common sense and safety training immediately kicked in and the building was evacuated, with all reporting to a safe rally point. Once all personnel on duty were accounted for and those present estimated the initial quake to be concluded, the commander gave the all clear and everyone re-entered the building to conduct damage assessments, prepare for aftershocks and initiate a telephonic alert to all that were not working that day.

The information gathered from the telephonic alert was positive; there were no personnel injured or killed. Damage estimates to structures and personal property were then initiated. Initial damage estimates

conducted at the ROC found that only lockers and books had fallen over and, remarkably, there was no major equipment damage.

Structurally, there was some visible minor damage and a more thorough structural analysis is under way. Operationally, there were a few momentary faults on some of the subsystems, but the squad reacted quickly and efficiently in order to clear those faults and ensure that service to the customers was not interrupted.

In the barracks, there was structural damage that included cracks in the walls and doors falling off of their hinges. Personal property was also damaged to include televisions, computers, a microwave, a DVD player, a blender, glasses, plates and lamps.

Several aftershocks were felt that day and the day after, all to varying degrees of magnitude, but one thing that will not vary in magnitude is the memory of the event.

Delta Company Commander Capt. Stacy Godshall said of the Soldiers under his command, “All the Soldiers who were here went above and beyond the scope of their normal duties. In fact, they were concerned more about the mission than their own safety. I am extremely grateful that none of our personnel were injured or killed. Sadly, other events put this into another perspective, when the same magnitude earthquake hit Iran and had much more devastating effects — more than 28,000 people reported dead. I personally have a new respect for California’s fault lines and their impact on us.”



Photo by Spc. Anthony Stark

Minor damage at Delta Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion’s Operations Center caused by the 6.5 magnitude earthquake that struck Dec. 22,2003, was nothing compared to the structural devastation caused in nearby Paso Robles, Calif.

Paso Robles when a downtown building housing many commercial shops collapsed. Damage in Paso Robles was severe: dozens of cars and 82 downtown buildings have been identified as having at least

who were there that day now feel somewhat humbled by the experience, after seeing what REALLY rocks the world.

It started off like any other day, but no one will ever forget what happened that particular

## Ceremony

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year for the lease on 106 Wynn Drive. This new building will pay for itself in six years, but that is just one advantage to moving. In addition to other features, the new building provides the DoD-mandated upgrades to enhance safety for personnel and force protection of the command employees.

“Some of the advantages include a design that allows flexibility to reconfigure easily as the organization changes,” Smith explained. “Power and communication cables run under a raised access floor system which allows changes to be made without pulling wires overhead, down walls, etc. Both fiber and copper data connections are available at each workstation and there is a greater use of the ‘open office environment.’

“The building includes modern, efficient mechanical and electrical systems, modern construction materials and a structured communications system, plus it meets American Disability Act and Fire/Life Safety Codes.”

Beyond that, employees will experience improved work conditions. The interior finishes are modern, not dated; systems furnishings match and are coordinated



Photo illustration by Debra Valine

The sign tells the story. SMDC will be moving onto Redstone Arsenal within the next three months.

with building finishes; and break rooms are provided on each floor.

Aesthetics and convenience aside, one SMDC employee thinks moving onto the Arsenal is a good idea for force protection and co-location reasons.

“Being on the Arsenal provides more protection to the work force and the

military aspects of our jobs,” said Paul Page, the team lead for Tactical Analysis in the SMD Battle Lab’s Studies and Analysis Division. “We are kind of exposed here in light of today’s environment. Also, this move will co-locate SMDC with the other military elements in the area.”

# Awards/Promotions

## Civilian Promotions

**Anjoleen Y. Baca**, GS-11, Colorado Springs, Communications, G-6, Wideband Gapfiller Division  
**Jason Scott Baker**, GS-13, Huntsville, Battle Lab, Simulations Directorate, Simulation Development Division  
**Alecia K. Barger**, GS-09, Huntsville, Personnel, G-1, Civilian Personnel Division  
**Michael W. Butler**, GS-14, USAKA, Test Support Division  
**Wanda M. Cross**, GS-11, Huntsville, Office of PARC/Contracting and Acquisition, Contracts Operations Division  
**James E. Edgecomb**, GS-13, Huntsville, Intelligence, G-2, Intelligence Division  
**Ron K. Irons**, GS-07, Colorado Springs, Intelligence, G-2  
**Lillie V. Jackson**, GS-09, Arlington, Office of PARC/Contracting and Acquisition Management  
**Patricia D. James**, GS-07, Huntsville, Office of PARC/Contracting and Acquisition Management, Branch K  
**Teena J. McGee**, GS-11, Resource Management, G-8, Management Division  
**Tullie M. Miller**, GS-11, Huntsville, Office of PARC/Contracting and Acquisition Management, Branch K  
**Pamela G. Mitchell**, GS-12, Arlington, Office of the Chief of Staff  
**Brenda L. Rains**, GS-11, Huntsville, Technical Center, Tech Center Operations  
**Jimmy D. Taylor**, GS-12, Communications, G-6, Regional SATCOM Support Center, CONUS  
**Brenda S. Turner**, GS-13, Huntsville, Intelligence, G-2, Security Division

## Special Act Awards

**Carolyn Colbert**, Huntsville, Personnel, G-1, Civilian Personnel Division  
**Charles M. Cornett**, Colorado Springs, 1<sup>st</sup> SATCON Battalion, Command Section  
**Charles D. Crawford**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Sharon J. Crawford**, Huntsville, Technical Center, Tech Center Operations  
**John F. Crawford**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Donna H. Davis**, Huntsville, Personnel, G-1, Civilian Personnel Division  
**Terry S. Day**, Huntsville, Technical Center, Tech Center Operations  
**Janet Fuqua**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Melisa H. Gilbert**, Huntsville, Deputy Commanding General, Research, Development and Acquisition, Command Integration Division  
**Cassandra C. Gilmore**, Colorado Springs, Operations, Directorate of Resource Management  
**Thomas K. Hamilton**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Stacy L. Houk**, Huntsville, Deputy Commanding General, Research, Development and Acquisition, Cost Analysis Branch  
**Weldon H. Hill**, Huntsville, Engineer, Operations Branch  
**Frank R. Hughes**, Fort Buckner, Japan, 1<sup>st</sup> SATCON Battalion, E Company  
**T.G. Hunter**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Russell C. Hutcherson**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Hazel P. Hyde**, Huntsville, Technical Center, Joint Center for Test and Evaluation  
**Dene A. Jackson**, Arlington, G-1, Community and Family Programs Division  
**Joyce M. Kaelin**, Huntsville, Personnel, G-1, Civilian Personnel Division  
**Mark J. Kilpatrick**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Angie B. Kimbrough**, Huntsville, Battle Lab, Simulations Directorate  
**Timothy E. Kirchner**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Willard L. Kistler**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Judy Krawcyk**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Program and Policy Division  
**Robert A. Kyniston**, Colorado Springs, Operations, Personnel, G-1  
**Michael C. Lawrence**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Juanita Lee**, Huntsville, Office of Legal Counsel  
**Marion L. Martin**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Management Division

**Susan McRae McCulley**, Huntsville, Technical Center, Systems Directorate Core  
**William A. McQueen**, Colorado Springs, Operations, Logistics, G-4, Supply and Transportation Division  
**Yancy C. Mitchell**, Huntsville, Technical Center, Tech Center Operations  
**Kay H. New**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Program Support Division  
**Rhonda M. Norris**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Program and Policy Division  
**Randal K. Norton**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Linda S. Oellig**, Colorado Springs, Operations, Personnel, G-1  
**Jeffrey C. Olson**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Andre H. Parent**, Fort Meade, Maryland, 1<sup>st</sup> SATCON Battalion, B Company  
**Karen L. Parmenter**, Huntsville, Office of PARC/Contracting and Acquisition Management, Branch N  
**Robbie H. Phifer**, Huntsville, Office of PARC/Contracting and Acquisition Management, Branch K  
**Kay L. Platter**, Colorado Springs, Operations, Logistics, G-4, Supply and Transportation Division  
**Pamela D. Porter**, Colorado Springs, Operations, Command Group  
**Deloise J. Ragland**, Huntsville, Missile Defense Agency  
**Brenda L. Rains**, Huntsville, Technical Center, Tech Center Operations  
**Nevrik E. Ratliff**, Huntsville, Office of PARC/Contracting and Acquisition Management  
**Russell N. Robinson**, Colorado Springs, Battle Lab, Space Directorate, Concepts and Initiatives Division  
**Janet L. Siersma**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Program Support Division  
**Henry E. Sikes**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Jean Sims**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Program and Policy Division  
**Theodora F. Stewart**, Huntsville, Research, Development and Acquisition, Command Integration Division  
**Zachary A. Stovall**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Susan E. Thomas**, Huntsville, Environmental Policy Compliance and Remediation Branch  
**John E. Troup**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Program Support Division  
**John E. Upp**, Arlington, Information Management, G-6, Washington Information Management Division  
**Bettie M. Upshaw**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Cynthia M. Van Rassen**, Huntsville, Office of Legal Counsel  
**Patricia S. Vittitow**, Huntsville, Technical Center, Systems Directorate Core  
**Stephanie D. Wacenske**, Huntsville, Technical Center, Systems Directorate Core  
**Kent L. Waller**, Huntsville, Technical Center, Space Technology Directorate Core  
**C. Phillip Watson**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Andrea A. Weathington**, Huntsville, Technical Center, Tech Center Operations  
**Catherine R. Weywadt**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Bryan M. Wheelock**, Huntsville, Technical Center, Joint Center for Test and Evaluation  
**Anna T. Whisenant**, Huntsville, Personnel, G-1, Civilian Personnel Division  
**Stacey L. Wilkes**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Management Division  
**Jonathan E. Williams**, Huntsville, Program Executive Office for Air, Space and Missile Defense  
**Roger E. Williams**, Huntsville, Program Executive Office for Air, Space and Missile Defense  
**Jeannine S. Williams**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office  
**Sharon M. Witczak**, Huntsville, GMD Joint Project Office

## Time-Off Awards

**Anthony C. Austin**, Huntsville, Personnel, G-1, Civilian Personnel Division  
**George A. Bennett**, Huntsville, Engineer, Operations Branch  
**Kirby R. Brown**, Colorado Springs, Battle Lab,

Space Directorate  
**Sandra C. Brock**, Huntsville, Deputy Chief of Staff, Resource Management, G-8, Program Support Division  
**Gary E. Canaday**, Huntsville, Engineer, Construction Branch  
**John L. Crown**, Colorado Springs, Battle Lab, Space Directorate  
**Charlie M. Dickerson**, Huntsville, Logistics, G-4, Logistics Support Division  
**Stephen L. Donnelly**, Huntsville, Engineer, Technology Branch  
**Dennis C. Fairchild**, Huntsville, Technical Center, Directed Energy Directorate Core  
**Alice K. Goodloecutts**, Huntsville, Battle Lab, Missile Defense Directorate, Combat Applications Division  
**Almeida A. Green**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Program Support Division  
**Gerald W. Greenwood**, Huntsville, Engineer, Operations Branch  
**Gary W. Gunter**, Huntsville, Engineer, Technology Branch  
**Beltha K. Hinton**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Program Support Division  
**Ron K. Irons**, Colorado Springs, Operations, Intelligence, G-2  
**Thomas J. Kane**, Huntsville, Engineer, Technology Branch  
**Paula A. Kennedy**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Program Support Division  
**Karen D. Krypel**, Huntsville, Program Executive Office for Air, Space and Missile Defense, JLENS Office  
**Gary N. Mayes**, Huntsville, Technical Center, Advanced Technology Directorate Core  
**Sharon G. Mitchell**, Huntsville, Engineer, National Environmental Policy Act Compliance Branch  
**Buphus L. Nall**, Huntsville, Missile Defense Agency  
**Kay H. New**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Program Support Division  
**Dianne W. Nichols**, Huntsville, Research, Development and Acquisition, Command Integration Division  
**Lee Alice Ray**, Huntsville, Space and Missile Defense Technical Center, Sensors Directorate Core  
**Shelby L. Rich**, Huntsville, Technical Center, Advanced Technology Directorate Core  
**Russell N. Robinson**, Colorado Springs, Battle Lab, Space Directorate, Concepts and Initiatives Division  
**Cristina G. Rodriguez**, Huntsville, Office of PARC/Contracting and Acquisition Management, Policy and Pricing Branch  
**Diana C. Rogers**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Program Support Division  
**Paul D. Schambach**, Colorado Springs, Operations, Intelligence, G-2  
**Janet L. Siersma**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Program Support Division  
**Deborah Vaughn Teague**, Huntsville, Office of PARC/Contracting and Acquisition Management, Branch K  
**John E. Troup**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Program Support Division

## Superior Civilian Service Award

**William T. Davis**, Huntsville, Engineer, Environmental Policy Compliance and Remediation Branch

## Commander’s Award for Civilian Service

**John C. Adams**, Huntsville, Program Executive Office for Air, Space and Missile Defense, JLENS Office  
**Patricia W. Falco**, Huntsville, Battle Lab, Analysis and Operations Directorate  
**Deborah A. Webber**, Huntsville, Personnel, G-1, Civilian Personnel Division

## Meritorious Civilian Service Award

**Jackson G. Calvert**, Huntsville, Research, Development and Acquisition, Command Analysis Division

Due to the volume of awards received, the November and December awards and promotions will be published in the February issue of the Eagle.

# Time magazine names ‘American Soldier’ its Person of the Year

By Joe Burlas

## WASHINGTON, D.C. (Army News Service)

— For the second time since it started conferring the honor in 1927, *Time* magazine has selected the American Soldier as its Person of the Year.

*Time* announced its 2003 choice Dec. 21. The American Soldier was first selected as *Time*’s Person of the Year during the Korean War in 1950.

“Look at the covers (of *Time*) for the past year and you will see that one-third of them have to do with the war in Iraq,” said Mark Thompson, *Time*’s Pentagon correspondent. “Our editors looked at the key figures of the war — Saddam, Bush, Rumsfeld — and decided they didn’t quite fit. The American Soldier did.”

*Time* traditionally selects the person or persons that have been centrally involved in the major history-making issues of the year for the honor, Thompson said. Not all past winners were picked for being good people — Adolf Hilter, 1938; Josef Stalin, 1939 and 1949; and Ayatollah Khomeini, 1979, for example.

The editorial article that justifies *Time*’s selection, Dec. 29, 2003 — Jan. 5, 2004 issue, praises Soldiers.

“For uncommon skills and service, for the choices each one of them has made and the ones still ahead, for the challenge of defending not only our freedoms but those barely stirring half a world away, the American Soldier is *Time*’s Person of the Year,” stated the article.



Photo by Michael E. Dukes, Walter Reed Army Medical Center Public Affairs

## Wounded Soldier meets Army astronaut

Army astronaut Col. Jeff Williams listens to Sgt. 1st Class Roy Mitchell of the 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y., describe injuries he sustained in Afghanistan. Williams recently spent an afternoon visiting soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., who were injured in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

In August, the American Red Cross asked the public for donations of phone cards, clothing, small suitcases and comfort items for service members recuperating at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Thanks to a generous public, so many items were donated that the Red Cross’ storage room inside the hospital is filled to the brim, and the hospital is asking the public to hold off until further notice.

## 2004 Bataan Memorial Death March

# White Sands Missile Range to conduct 26.2-mile commemorative march

## WHITE SANDS MISSILE

**RANGE, N.M.** — The 2004 Bataan Memorial Death March will be conducted on March 21, at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. Bataan Memorial Death March information and registration is available at [www.bataanmarch.com](http://www.bataanmarch.com). There is a limit of 4,000 marchers.

The memorial march recognizes the sacrifices made by thousands of U.S. and Filipino service members overwhelmed by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands during World War II.

The 26.2-mile march starts on the missile range main post, crosses hilly terrain, winds around a small mountain and returns to the finish line through sandy desert trails and washes. The elevation varies from about 4,100 to 5,300 feet. While marathon length, the memorial march is not a sanctioned marathon.

The event is open to military (active duty, reserve, National Guard, ROTC, JROTC or retired) and civilian teams and individuals in either heavy or light divisions. Military personnel marching in any military category must wear full field gear.

Civilian marchers in any category should wear attire appropriate for a road march through desert terrain. All marchers entered in heavy division categories must also carry a 35-pound rucksack.

Teams must consist of five people. All five marchers must cross the finish line together. Military team categories are: Male Military Light Team, Male Military Heavy Team, Female Military Light Team, Female Military Heavy Team, Coed Military Light Team, Coed Military Heavy Team, National Guard Light Team, National Guard Heavy Team, ROTC Light Team, ROTC Heavy Team

and JROTC Light Team.

For those not in the military, team categories are: Male Light Team, Male Heavy Team, Female Light Team, Female Heavy Team, Coed Light Team and Coed Heavy Team.

Individual military categories are: Male Military Light, Male Military Over 40 Light, Male Military Heavy, Female Military Light, Female Military Over 40 Light and Female Military Heavy.

For those not in the military, individual categories are: Male Light, Male Over 40 Light, Male Heavy, Female Light, Female Over 40 Light and Female Heavy.

According to the Bataan Memorial Death March organizers, the event has garnered a reputation for its high quality and the services provided to the participants. Because the event has grown dramatically in recent years, it is being capped at 4,000 to

preserve that quality and to ensure a safe and positive experience for all participants.

Cost is \$35 for individuals and \$140 for a five-person team.

All forms of registration will end if/when the 4,000 limit is reached. Deadlines are Feb. 20 for entry forms received by mail, Feb. 26 for entry forms received via fax and March 11 for on-line registration. Again, if the 4,000 participant maximum is reached early, all forms of registration will close.

Registered participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, a commemorative timing chip, a certificate, pre-event continental breakfast and post-event meal. Those who finish the march will receive a commemorative dog tag.

For more information, call the White Sands Missile Range Public Affairs Office at (505) 678-1134. or e-mail comments to [bataan@wsmr.army.mil](mailto:bataan@wsmr.army.mil).

## SMDC employees asked to respond to Eagle Readership Survey

The Public Affairs Office is conducting an online readership survey on *The Eagle*. Please take a few minutes to let us know what you think of SMDC’s monthly newspaper. The last day to complete the survey is Jan. 30. Results will be tabulated and

posted on the Internet and in *The Eagle*.

A button, located on the CommandNet at <http://commandnet>, will take you to the survey. Questions will appear in several categories. For each question, select the most appropriate response. There is also space beside each question where you can

add comments.

Your responses to the survey questions will help establish a baseline of information that will help the editor make decisions on content and design of the newspaper.

Thank you for your input.

# Remember! Celebrate! Act!

## *King holiday a day on ... not a day off*

**M**artin Luther King's death did not slow the Civil Rights Movement. Black and white people continued to fight for freedom and equality. Coretta Scott King is the widow of the civil rights leader. In 1970, she established the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center in Atlanta, Ga. This "living memorial" consists of his boyhood home and the Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King is buried.

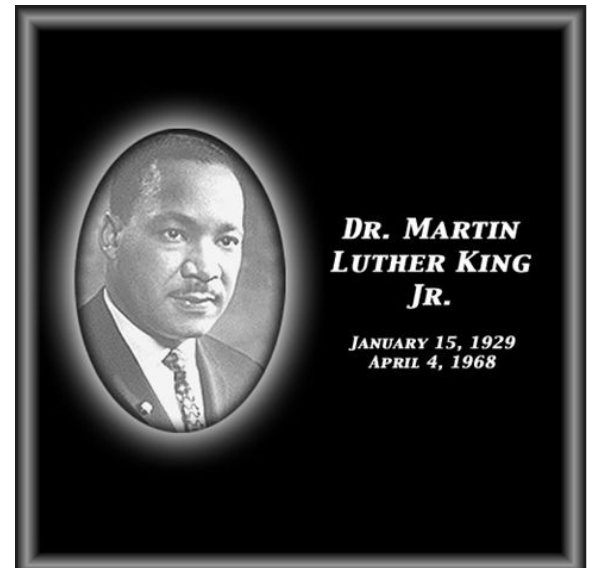
On Monday, Jan. 20, 1986, in cities and towns across the country people celebrated the first official Martin Luther King Day, the only federal holiday commemorating an African-American. A ceremony which took place at an old railroad depot in Atlanta, Ga., was especially emotional. Hundreds had gathered to sing and to march. Many were the same people who, in 1965, had marched for 50 miles between two cities in the state of Alabama to protest segregation and discrimination of black Americans.

All through the 1980's, controversy

surrounded the idea of a Martin Luther King Day. Congressmen and citizens had petitioned the President to make Jan. 15, Martin Luther King's birthday, a federal legal holiday. Others wanted to make the holiday on the day he died, while some people did not want to have any holiday at all.

Jan. 15 had been observed as a legal holiday for many years in 27 states and Washington, D.C. Finally, in 1986, President Ronald Reagan declared the third Monday in January a federal legal holiday commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday.

Schools, offices and federal agencies are closed for the holiday. On Monday there are quiet memorial services as well as elaborate ceremonies in honor of Dr. King. On the preceding Sunday, ministers of all religions give special sermons reminding everyone of Dr. King's lifelong work for peace. All weekend, popular radio stations play songs and speeches that tell the history of the Civil Rights Movement.



Television channels broadcast special programs with filmed highlights of Dr. King's life and times.

Source: English Language Programs, Department of State



Always with a smile is Richard Stillie, Fort Greely Commissary manager, serving up a bowl of chili and a piece of cornbread to Kathy Rogers.

## Appreciating the customers

Expressing appreciation is something the staff at the Fort Greely commissary does every day. However, a special Customer Appreciation Day was hosted Dec. 19.

Chili, cornbread, cakes and sodas were served to more than 50 patrons.

"The holiday season is a good time to remember and thank the customers who shop in the commissary", said Richard Stillie, Fort Greely commissary manager.

Stillie said, "We had numerous items donated by vendors, such as DVDs, movie theater tickets, coupons for in-store items, shopping spree certificates, a replica car, and a Christmas marionette. There was enough merchandise that almost all who entered the drawing won a prize."

Those who attended expressed appreciation to the commissary staff and said the food was great. "We had a good showing of customers," said Stillie.

## New commander takes over C Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion

By Spc. Bradley D. Morrow  
Unit reporter

**LANDSTUHL, Germany** — Charlie Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion occupies a relatively small space atop a large hill in the middle of the forest in central Europe. From this perch, SATCON soldiers monitor and control a network of communications satellites that span Southeast Asia to the Atlantic coast of the United States. Command of this unit is highly sought after, both for its idyllic setting as well as its unique challenges.

Nov. 24, 2003, marked the end of one era and the beginning of another. C Co. soldiers, civilians and family members were in attendance for the ceremony held at Landstuhl Regional Medical

Center as Capt. Lan Dalat relinquished command of C Co. to Capt. Christopher Conway. Battalion Commander Lt. Col Mearen Bethea presided over the event.

Immediately following the change, Dalat made poignant remarks recounting his command of the satellite company. Dalat assumed command in December 2001. He assumed the responsibility of not only continuing to provide reliable communications to the Soldiers downrange, but also the added responsibility of heightening and maintaining a security protocol that could keep each of his Soldiers safe and secure both on and off duty. Dalat accepted these challenges and accomplished his mission. This was made all the more impressive by the

fact that this was his first command. Dalat was visibly moved at having given the reigns of C Co. over to another new commander, but he faced his next duty station in Naples, Italy with enthusiasm.

Conway, a native of Chicago, Ill., will also be stretching his wings for the first time in company command.

"I'm delighted to be in Germany, as is my wife, who's stationed in Mannheim. I feel very privileged to take over this challenging and exciting command," said Conway.

As for the soldiers and civilians of C Co., this change marks both a time of reflection and a time to look ahead to new challenges and rewards.

Staff Sgt. Frank Schaf remarked, "Capt. Dalat was a fine commander, but when you have potential you must move



Capt. Christopher Conway

forward or that potential is wasted."

Sgt. John Priebe said, "Capt. Dalat was a great guy. I'll miss him. But I am looking forward to seeing what we'll do and where we'll go with Capt. Conway in charge."



Soldiers of Delta Company, 1st SATCON Battalion don Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear, preparing to enter the dreaded chamber.



Photos by Delta Company

A crew departs the chamber in good order, flapping appendages in efforts to dispel the noxious CS gas fumes.

Sgt. Michael Feddema is the first Soldier to exit the chamber maskless ... walking carefully, wincing ... skin burning from the effects of the CS gas.

# Gas! Gas! Gas!

Soldiers from Delta Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion at Camp Roberts, Calif. recently undertook Nuclear, Biological and Chemical training with varying degrees of fortitude. A recurring requirement, most seasoned soldiers stoically don full Mission Oriented Protective Posture wear and enter and exit the CS gas-filled chamber with a minimum of bravado and fuss. But there's always those foolhardy, pardon, **brave** few who dare to doff the mask — and pay the consequences.



Sgt. Logan Maynard exits the chamber with a telltale grimace — his maskless state attesting to his bravery — as no one is required, post basic training, to remove his or her mask in the NBC chamber.